Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (previously presented): A stent comprising:

a first main circumferential ring;

a second main circumferential ring;

a longitudinal link connecting said first main circumferential ring to said second main circumferential ring; and

an intermediate circumferential ring disposed between said first main circumferential ring and said second main circumferential ring, wherein said intermediate circumferential ring includes a series of peaks, troughs and mid band regions between each peak and trough,

wherein said intermediate circumferential ring is connected to said longitudinal link in at least one of the mid band regions of the intermediate circumferential ring, and

wherein the longitudinal link is connected to only two main circumferential rings and only one intermediate circumferential ring.

Claim 2 (original): The stent according to claim 1, wherein said longitudinal link attaches to said main circumferential rings at a mid band region.

Claim 3 (original): The stent according to claim 1, wherein said longitudinal link includes a bend region.

Claim 4 (original): The stent according to claim 3, wherein said intermediate circumferential ring attaches to said longitudinal link at said bend region.

Claim 5 (previously presented): A stent comprising:

a plurality of main circumferential rings;

a plurality of longitudinal links, wherein each longitudinal link connects adjacent main circumferential rings; and a plurality of intermediate circumferential rings, wherein each intermediate circumferential ring includes peaks, troughs, and a mid band region between each peak and trough,

wherein each intermediate circumferential ring is attached to at least one longitudinal link at one of the mid band regions of the corresponding intermediate circumferential ring, and

wherein the longitudinal link is connected to only two main circumferential rings and only one intermediate circumferential ring.

Claim 6 (original): The stent according to claim 5, wherein said main circumferential rings comprise a ring width.

Claim 7 (original): The stent according to claim 6, wherein said intermediate circumferential rings comprise a ring width.

Claim 8 (previously presented): A stent comprising:

a first main circumferential ring;

a second main circumferential ring;

a longitudinal link connecting said first main circumferential ring to said second main circumferential ring; and

an intermediate circumferential ring disposed between said first main circumferential ring and said second main circumferential ring, wherein said intermediate circumferential ring includes a series of peaks, troughs and mid band regions between each peak and trough,

wherein said intermediate circumferential ring is connected to said longitudinal link in at least one of the mid band regions of the intermediate circumferential ring,

wherein said main circumferential ring width is different than said intermediate circumferential ring width.

Claim 9 (original): The stent according to claim 8, wherein said main circumferential ring width is larger than said intermediate circumferential ring width.

Claim 10 (currently amended): [[A]] The stent according to claim 5, ~~comprising:~~

~~a plurality of main circumferential rings, wherein said main circumferential rings comprise a band length;~~

~~a plurality of longitudinal links, wherein each longitudinal link attaches at its ends to adjacent main circumferential rings; and~~

~~a plurality of intermediate circumferential rings, wherein each intermediate circumferential ring is connected to at least one longitudinal link, and~~

wherein said intermediate circumferential rings comprise a band length that is different than said main circumferential ring band length.

Claim 11 (original): The stent according to claim 10, wherein said longitudinal links are staggered circumferentially in a longitudinal direction

Claim 12 (original): The stent according to claim 11, wherein said intermediate circumferential rings extend between and attach to adjacent longitudinal links.

Claim 13 (original): The stent according to claim 12, wherein said longitudinal links include a bend region.

Claim 14 (original): The stent according to claim 13, wherein said intermediate circumferential rings attach to said longitudinal links at said bend region.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The stent according to claim 8 wherein the longitudinal link is connected to only two main circumferential rings and only one intermediate circumferential ring.